



## **NSLI-Y Turkish Summer 2011 Program Description Implemented by American Cultural Exchange Service (ACES)**



**Target Language:** Turkish

**Overseas Partner Institution:** International Services in Education (ISE)

**Overseas Host Institution:** TOMER Center, Istanbul, Turkey

**Accommodations:** Host families

**Pre-Departure Orientation:** Washington, DC, immediately before international departure

**Program Dates:** 6-7 Weeks; Late June to Mid August

**Target Language Instruction:**  
120 hours/3 - 5 hours per day Monday - Friday

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### **Program Overview**

The NSLI-Y Summer Turkish Language Program gives students the opportunity to increase their Turkish language skills through language classes and experiential learning. Classes are held Monday through Friday and focus on improving speaking, listening, reading and writing in Turkish. Students are also paired with language partners with whom they can practice their speaking and listening skills through structured activities. Experiential learning includes cultural activities and volunteer work. Students also gain a deeper understanding of Turkish society and family life by living with host families during the program in Turkey.

### **Orientations**

Students participate in a pre-departure orientation before traveling to Turkey and also have an arrival orientation immediately after arriving in Turkey. A re-entry orientation occurs immediately prior to departure from Turkey.

### **Participant Support and Supervision**

A Resident Director participates in the pre-departure orientation and travels with the group to Turkey. In Turkey, the bilingual Resident Director provides support and supervision for students throughout the program, and then travels with the group on the return to the United States. All participants are provided with a cell phone for emergency use.

### **Textbooks and Materials**

Language learning materials will be provided by TOMER.

### **Cultural and Volunteer Activities**

The program includes three visits to sites of cultural significance, which may include historic old city Istanbul, the Malawi Order of Sufi Muslims and traditional music and theater performances. The program also includes three volunteer activities, which may include working with organizations engaged in environmental, women's and poverty issues. Students participate in weekly discussions on Turkish cultural topics, which may include religion, history and the arts.

### **Final Project**

Students are asked to choose a topic shortly before the program. Topics may include issues related to the environment, women, politics, education, etc. While on the program, students conduct one-on-one interviews with individuals to learn more about their chosen topic. Near the end of the program, students give presentations on their chosen topic using as much Turkish language as possible.

*Please keep in mind that program details may be subject to change.*